



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SIGLER, Gerald F. et al.
Serial No: 10/669,831
Filed: September 24, 2003
For: PROTEASE INHIBITOR CONJUGATES AND
ANTIBODIES USEFUL IN IMMUNOASSAY
Art Unit: 1641
Examiner: Mary Ceperley

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 9, 2006

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated January 9, 2006 which has a shortened statutory period for response of one month that expired on February 9, 2006. A petition for a 1-month extension of time until March 9, 2006 is enclosed herewith.